

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3165

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 10, 1988

Application of Mizell Travel Agency,)
Inc., for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Conduct)
Charter and Special Operations)

Case No. AP-88-15

By application filed April 29, 1988, Mizell Travel Agency, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers in special operations, restricted to round-trip sightseeing tours, between points in Washington, D.C.; Arlington, Va.; and Fairfax, Va., and in charter operations between points in Washington, D.C., and between points in the District of Columbia, on the one hand, and, on the other, Washington National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.

Mizell Travel Agency, Inc., is a District of Columbia corporation. Its president is Isadore Mizell, a licensed tour guide. The proposed special operations would consist of three round-trip tours. Morning Tour #1 would offer a selection of two of the following sites: Union Station, Capitol Hill, Senate office buildings, Supreme Court, The Capitol, and the Library of Congress. Morning Tour #2 appears to be a riding tour of Washington with "photo opportunities" at the Jefferson Memorial and the Viet Nam Memorial. Stops at the African Art Museum and the Frederick Douglas Memorial Home may also be offered. Afternoon Tour #1 also appears to be a riding tour with a "photo opportunity" at the Lincoln Memorial and possible stops at the Viet Nam Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Applicant will be asked at hearing to clarify what its tours include. Applicant proposes to charge \$6 per person for half-day tours (\$4 for children) and \$12 per person for "all day" tours (\$8 for children). Night tours are listed on the tariff at \$10 per person. According to the proposed tariff, "[a]ll other rates are \$100 per hour." The proposed service would be offered in vans with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less (including the driver).

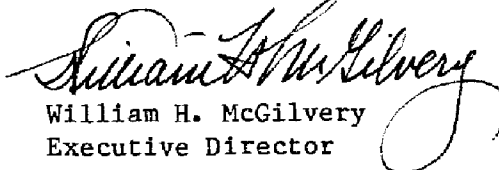
With its application, Mizell Travel Agency, Inc., submitted a statement of financial condition as of January 31, 1988, showing current assets of \$41,556, and fixed assets of \$11,294 after allowance for depreciation; total liabilities were listed at \$1,000 with equity of \$51,850. Applicant projects WMATC operating income of \$29,000 for the first 12 months of operation, plus other operating income of \$6,000. Total expenses including depreciation and taxes for the same period are projected to be \$23,880.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-88-15, is hereby scheduled to commence Thursday, July 7, 1988, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.
2. That Mizell Travel Agency, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Wednesday, May 25, 1988, and shall present at the hearing an affidavit of publication.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, June 24, 1988, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Franklin D. Henderson, Esq., 5408 Silver Hill Road, Suite 503, Suitland, Md. 20747.
4. That Mizell Travel Agency, Inc., is hereby assessed \$600 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, June 24, 1988.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director